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Appeal No. DOJ-AP-2019-002860

Request No. 1416920

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VIA: Email

Dear Emma Best:

You appealed from the action of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your Freedom of Information Act request for access to records concerning Joseph George Helmich. I note that your appeal concerns the adequacy of the FBI's search.

Re:

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between FBI personnel and this Office, I am remanding your request to the FBI for a further search for additional responsive records. If the FBI locates additional releasable records, it will send them to you directly, subject to any applicable fees. You may appeal any future adverse determination made by the FBI. If you would like to inquire about the status of this remanded request or to receive an estimated date of completion, please contact the FBI directly at (540) 868-1535.

If you have any questions regarding the action this Office has taken on your appeal, you may contact this Office's FOIA Public Liaison for your appeal. Specifically, you may speak with the undersigned agency official by calling (202) 514-3642.

If you are dissatisfied with my action on your appeal, the FOIA permits you to file a lawsuit in federal district court in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(B).

Sincerely,

11/19/2019

Rianna Barrett, Senior Attorney, for Matthew Hurd, Acting Chief, Administrative ...

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Signed by: RIANNA BARRETT